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Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

Return to: Secretary of State, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5077

1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER		2. DATE
Freeman Courier		10/11/05
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE $
Weekly	52	42

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) PO Box 950, Freeman SD 57029-0950

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers) PO Box 950, Freeman SD 57029-0950

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Tim L. Walther

7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.

FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
Second Century Publishing Inc	Box 384, Freeman SD 57029

8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.

Merchants State Bank,

9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	1814	1810
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	149	154
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	1609	1599
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	1758	1753
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION 1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	12	9
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES	7	6
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	1777	1768
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	37	42
2. Return from News Agents		
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 – Should equal net press run shown in A)	1814	1810

Statement must be signed by Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner in the presence of a Notary Public

I swear that the statements made by me are true, correct, and complete:

Tim L Walther
(Signature)

president
(Title)

State of South Dakota)
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County of Hutchinson)

Sworn to before me this 11th day of Oct, 2005

Notary Public

My commission expires: Oct. 9, 2006

(Seal)

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